



## Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

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### **Judge John G. Roberts Nominated to the Supreme Court**

On Tuesday President Bush nominated Judge John G. Roberts to serve as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Roberts is currently a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He started his career as a clerk, first for a federal appeals court judge, then for Justice William Rehnquist. He has also served as associate White House Counsel in the Reagan White House and Deputy Solicitor General under Kenneth Starr.

"I am looking forward to learning more about Judge Roberts during the upcoming Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings," said Schiff. "The confirmation process must be thorough in the examination of Judge Robert's judicial philosophy and commitment to individual rights and freedoms, and it should be conducted with great seriousness and civility."

To let Senators on the Judiciary Committee know your views on Judge Roberts call 202-224-3121.

### **Schiff Applauds Israel's UN Election**

Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced a resolution this week congratulating Israel on the election of its UN Ambassador, Dan Gillerman, as a Vice-President of the United Nations. Ambassador Gillerman will be only the second Israeli General Assembly Vice-President in UN history. The last was in 1952 when Abba Eban held the position. Schiff was joined by Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), vice-chairman of the Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee.

The resolution applauds the election of Israel's Ambassador as Vice-President and calls on Congress to support continued expansion of Israel's role at the United Nations. "Israel's election victory is a step in the right direction after decades of unstinting and undeserved criticism at the UN," said Schiff.

### **Schiff Supports Filipino American Bill**

2006 will mark the centennial of Filipino immigration to the United States. This week Congressman Schiff co-sponsored a resolution that marks the contributions of the over 2 million Filipino Americans living and working in our country.

"I am pleased to honor the Filipino American community on this special anniversary," said Schiff. "I hope many of my constituents will take the opportunity to come to Washington next year when the Smithsonian will be hosting the Filipino American Centennial Commemoration to showcase the experiences of Filipino Americans through special events and public programs."

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